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Sino-US Talks: Liaison Meeting June 20

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1-16-88 CH'IEN with YEH received SIMONS at Chinese Embassy 1000 June 20.

2. Ch'ien read following statement: QUOTE instructed by Mr. Charge d'Affaires to notify you of the following. In view of the current situation, of which both sides are well aware, the Chinese Government deems it unsuitable to discuss and decide upon a date for the next meeting of the Sino-US ambassadorial talks at present. As to when it will be suitable for the meeting to be held in the future, it can be discussed by the liaison personnel of the two sides at an appropriate time. Our side will release news about this. END QUOTE

In view non-polemical tone Chinese statement, Simons

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Chinese took down. QUOTE I'm authorized to say that we regret this. We believe that the interests of both the People's Republic of China and the United States would be served by an early resumption of substantive exchanges at the ambassadorial level. END QUOTE

- 4. Ch'ien responded that all he could do was repeat his original statement which had already been noted. By mutual agreement he refrained from doing so.
- 5. Ten-minute meeting was cordial, with tea and small talk about weather and Poznan Fair. Ch'ien confirmed that Charge is in Warsaw.
- 6. Comment. On May 18 pattern Chinese are likely release account of meeting embodying substance their statement.

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